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JAN J. WOJCIECHOWSKI

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Mr. McCARRAN, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

## REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 2856]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the bill (H. R. 2856) for the relief of Jan J. Wojciechowski, having considered the same, reports favorably thereon without amendment and recommends that the bill do pass.

### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant the status of permanent residence in the United States to Jan J. Wojciechowski. The bill provides for an appropriate quota deduction and for the payment of the required visa fee and head tax.

### STATEMENT OF FACTS

The beneficiary of the bill is a 41-year-old native and citizen of Poland who last arrived in the United States as a seaman on June 11, 1949. The vessel on which he arrived was sold and he was discharged. Following his discharge he attended school here and received his bachelor of science and master of science degrees in mining engineering at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. He is now employed by the United States Bureau of Mines which Bureau states that his services are needed because of his knowledge of European methods of mining, which methods are being adopted in certain localities in this country.

A letter dated January 30, 1952, to the chairman of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives from the Deputy Attorney General with reference to the case reads as follows:

JANUARY 30, 1952.

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (H. R. 2856) for the relief of Jan J. Wojciechowski, an alien. The bill would grant permanent residence to Mr. Wojciechowski.

The files of the Immigration and Naturalization Service of this Department disclose that the alien, who was born on December 2, 1910, is a native and citizen of Poland. He arrived in the United States at the port of New York on June 11, 1949, as a member of the crew of the steamship *Vianna*, and was admitted under section 3 (5) of the Immigration Act of 1924, for the period of time the vessel remained in port, but not exceeding 29 days. Upon the ship's arrival, the alien and the rest of the crew members were advised that they were being discharged as the vessel was being sold. Following his discharge, he attended a night school in New York City for 3 months. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va., from September 1949 to June 1951 and received bachelor of science and master of science degrees in mining engineering. He has been employed since June 14, 1951, as a mining engineer with the United States Bureau of Mines and receives an income of \$3,825 per annum.

The files also disclose that deportation proceedings were instituted against the alien in New York City on December 15, 1949, on the ground that he was illegally in the United States, having remained here for a longer time than permitted by law. After a hearing, he was granted the privilege of voluntary departure in lieu of deportation. He is single and has no one in this country dependent on him; his only relative here is an aunt, a resident of Chicago, Ill. His mother, sister, and brother reside in Poland.

Mr. Wojciechowski stated that he left Poland in 1939 and had never returned; that, thereafter, he had resided in Turkey for 8 years and then proceeded to Argentina where he resided for 5 months and that his trip on the steamship *Vianna* from Argentina to New York was the only occasion on which he had ever been employed as a seaman. He admitted that before coming to the United States, he had made inquiry at the American consulate in Buenos Aires, Argentina, about obtaining an immigration visa to the United States and was informed that the Polish quota had been exhausted for many years.

The quota for Poland, to which the alien is chargeable, is oversubscribed and an immigration visa is not readily obtainable. The record fails to present any facts which would justify the enactment of special legislation granting him an exception from the requirements of the general immigration laws.

Accordingly, the Department of Justice is unable to recommend enactment of this bill.

Sincerely,

A. DEVITT VANECH,  
*Deputy Attorney General.*

In addition, the files of the House Judiciary Committee contain the following letter from the Director of the Bureau of Mines, Department of the Interior:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF MINES,  
*Washington 25, D. C., March 14, 1952.*

Hon. EMANUEL CELLER,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
House of Representatives, Washington 25, D. C.*

MY DEAR MR. CELLER: Your letter of March 5, 1952, requests that I advise you informally as to the nature of the services performed for the Bureau of Mines by Mr. Jan J. Wojciechowski and the extent to which the Bureau needs his services. You desire this information in connection with H. R. 2856 (82d Cong.), a bill the relief of Jan J. Wojciechowski.

The Bureau of Mines, upon the request of several coal-mine operators, is now engaged in a program of research and investigation in connection with the adaptation of European methods of mining to mining conditions in the United States and the use of European mining equipment in certain American coal mines, particularly in localities where thin coal beds of high-grade metallurgical coal are mined. The American coal-mining industry is interested in these European

methods and equipment because they may, if their adaptation to American conditions is feasible, result in considerably greater efficiency in the mines, increased safety of coal-mine workers, and further conservation of our Nation's coal resources through maximum recovery of the large percentage of coal which is left in the ground under the prevailing room-and-pillar methods used in this country.

These methods and equipment have not been used heretofore in the United States. It is doubtful if there are six technicians in the whole country who are skilled in the European types of retreat longwall mining. The Bureau in cooperation with operating coal companies has already begun work on three of these experimental projects. Mr. Jan J. Wojciechowski was first employed by the Bureau in connection with this type of work on June 14, 1951. He is a key man in these activities and has already proved his capability. We believe it is to the advantage of the Bureau of Mines and to our defense effort that his services continue to be available.

Since the Department has, as yet, made no report on H. R. 2856, these views do not necessarily reflect the position of the Department or of the President with respect to this bill.

Sincerely yours,

J. J. FORBES, *Director.*

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (H. R. 2856) should be enacted.

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